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REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2006. Claims 19-38 are currently pending, of which, Claims 19 and 30 are in independent form. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the present application, as presently presented, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claim 1-9 and 15-18 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0050518 issued to Roustaei. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7-9 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roustaei. Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roustaei in view of Tomer. Claims 4, 7-9, 15 and 16-18 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims 19-38 are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record. Specifically, Claims 19-25 and 30-35 include limitations which have been determined to be patentable by the US Patent Office. These limitations can be found in the claims of issued US Patent No. 6,328,213 B1 issued on December 11, 2001 to He et al. This patent corresponds to US Application Serial No. 09/096,164 which the Applicants incorporated by reference in the present patent application (see page 6, lines 15-19). Accordingly, allowance of Claims 19-25 and 30-35

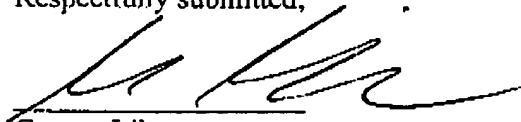
is respectfully requested, as well as allowance of dependent Claims 26-29 and 36-38 due to their dependency from independent Claims 19 and 30, respectively.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 19-38 is earnestly solicited.

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